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Re: **MUR 4798 - Buncombe County Republican Party and its
Treasurer, Gary S. McClure**

Dear Xavier:

As I told you on the telephone today, I have simply not had an opportunity to discuss the Conciliation Agreement proposed by the Commission with the appropriate parties since receiving the same. Although the letter bears date of March 1, 1999, the postage meter on the same was March 2. Although the document arrived on the day that I was leaving town to go to Raleigh, North Carolina, for meetings and then back to the ACC Tournament, upon my return to Asheville, I had to immediately begin preparations for a complicated trial in the Superior Court of Buncombe County, which trial began on March 15th and ended with a jury verdict at 4:15 p.m. on March 26th.

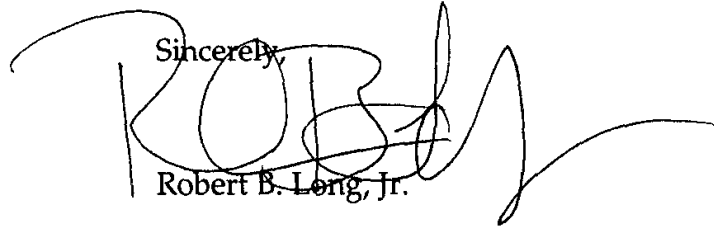
Currently, I am scheduled to begin another trial tomorrow, March 30, whenever the court calls it, and it is not expected to be concluded until Monday, April 5.

Therefore, I am requesting that I be given fifteen (15) days from April 5, 1999, or to and including April 20, 1999, within which to discuss the proposed Conciliation Agreement with the appropriate parties and respond to you.

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Mr. McDonald
March 29, 1999

In the event there is any difficulty in this regard, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RBL", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert B. Long, Jr.

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